GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4734
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PROPER MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
RAM SHAKAL;RAMSHETH THAKUR;VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a majority of National Highways in the country are in a bad shape for want of proper maintenance;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such National Highways;

(c) the reasons for lack of proper maintenance of the National Highways;

(d) the total amount spent on their maintenance during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the details of the action plan of the Government for keeping the National Highways in good condition?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) to (c) All the National Highways in the country are maintained in traffic-worthy condition depending upon the overall availability of funds.

(d) An amount of Rs. 2990 crore was spent on the maintenance of National Highways during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(e) 4/6 laning of about 13500 km. lengths of National Highways has been taken up under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and Port Connectivity Programme. Subject to availability of funds upkeep of balance length of National Highways has been taken up in the form of improvement of riding quality.